

Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (new): A hole making apparatus for a floor installation system, said apparatus comprising:

- a drilling member provided for drilling holes in a solid wood strip;
- a head assembly defining a channel supporting said solid wood strip therein; and
- a mounting structure slidably supporting and guiding said drilling member for reciprocating to and away from said channel of said head assembly;

- said channel defined by first and second side walls; one of said side walls having a central hole therethrough and provided with a ruler; said ruler having a sliding pointer sliding along said ruler so as to indicate a distance between the holes made in said solid wood strip;

- said mounting structure including an adjustable support plate secured to said head assembly, a plurality of guide rails mounted to said adjustable support plate substantially orthogonally to said channel of said head assembly, a sliding drill head complex and an adjustable drill holder complex;

said sliding drill head complex being slidably mounted to said guide rails for supporting a drill bead of the drilling member, and said adjustable drill holder complex being slidably mounted to said guide rails for adjustably supporting said drilling member relative to said head assembly .

Claim 9 (new): The hole making apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said sliding drill head complex includes a non-rotatable outer cylinder 42, a rotatable inner cylinder 41 rotatably supporting said drill bead 43 of said drilling member in said outer cylinder 42, a plurality of first sliding cylinders corresponding to the plurality of said guide rails each slidable along one of said guide rails secured to said outer cylinder 42 by a corresponding connection bar 45 so as to adjustably support said drilling member relative to said head assembly (20).

Claim 10 (new): The hole making apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said adjustable drill holder complex 50 includes a plurality of second sliding cylinders corresponding to the plurality of said guide rails, said second sliding cylinders are connected to each other in a radially spaced relationship through bowing hands 53.

Claim 11 (new): The hole making apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said adjustable drill holder complex 50 includes a gripping device provided for securely mounting said drilling member to said adjustable drill holder complex 50.

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Claim 12 (new): The hole making apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said gripping device includes a plurality of gripping brackets provided for adjustably engaging said drilling member; each of said plurality of gripping brackets is mounted to one of said second sliding cylinders.